

LIVE NEWS OF WEST SCRANTON

Officers Elected by Electric City Commandery, Knights of Malta.

SIR KNIGHT COMMANDER POWELL

The Installation Will Be Held in the West Side Masonic Hall March 3. Funeral of the Late J. Franklin Lott, of Academy Street—Social Affairs at the Home of Mrs. W. J. Morgans and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Biddleman—Notes and Personals.

Members of Electric City commandery, No. 177, Knights of Malta, met in regular session last evening at Masonic hall. Rev. E. S. Walker, commander T. S. Davy presided and officers for the ensuing term were elected. In some instances there was more than one candidate and considerable strife was brought out to capture the office.

The officers elected are: William H. Powell, sir knight commander; D. J. Jones, generalissimo; R. S. Gillingham, captain-general; E. S. Walker, commander T. S. Davy presided and officers for the ensuing term were elected. In some instances there was more than one candidate and considerable strife was brought out to capture the office.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS. Mrs. W. J. Morgans received and entertained a party of ladies, all aunts of the hostess, at her cosy residence, 210 North Main avenue, yesterday afternoon. The guests were: Mrs. T. M. Miller, Mrs. Henry Niemeyer, Mrs. O. P. Miller, of this city; Mrs. H. C. Miller, of Kingston, and Mrs. A. V. Gibson, Mrs. C. C. Battenberg, Mrs. Emma Millhouse, and Mrs. William Calloway, of Archbald.

On Wednesday evening a party of young people gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Biddleman, of West Linden street, and tendered their guest, Miss Blanche Corey, a surprise. The guests present were: The Misses Carrie and Julia Weiche, Nora and Bessie Schull, Mary Lerp, Annie Clark, Nellie Phillips, Bertha Wallace, Daisy Case, Lulu Wolfe and Flora Biddleman, of Factoryville; Thomas Eynon, Floyd Bissell, Charles Glander, William Lerp, M. C. and E. R. Biddleman, Lawrence Zink, Bert Hilgert, Fred Myers, Harry Kellow, and Roy Hartman, of Factoryville.

The first annual ball of St. Leo's Tourist club will be held next Monday evening, Feb. 21, at Meary's hall. A large and efficient committee of arrangements, of which P. J. McAndrew is chairman, are hard at work to make it a signal success. The hall will be artistically decorated and the best of music for dancing will be provided.

FUNERAL OF J. F. LOTT.

The funeral services of the late J. Franklin Lott were held yesterday morning at his late residence, 1208 Academy street. The remains lay in a handsome cloth covered casket which was almost concealed beneath a wreath of beautiful floral tributes. Beside the many friends and relatives present, representations from Pocono tribe,

DAY'S EVENTS IN NORTH SCRANTON

James McGowan Fatally Hurt in Leggett's Creek Mine.

CRUSHED BENEATH FALLING ROCK

Died Soon After Being Removed to His Home—Successful Entertainment for the Benefit of the Home for the Friendless in Company H Armory Attended by a Large Crowd. No. 25 School Pupils to Entertain.

James McGowan, a miner employed in Leggett's Creek mine, was so badly injured yesterday by a fall of rock that he died shortly after being taken to his home. McGowan was preparing a blast and fortunately for his laborer sent him for an implement used in tamping, when a mass of rock which had become loosened, came thundering down completely covering McGowan.

McGowan was quickly removed from underneath the debris. He was hospitalized and taken to the home, corner of Madison avenue and Oak street. A sad coincidence of the affair was the death a few days ago of McGowan's life-long and intimate friend, John Manley.

McGowan was an old and respected resident of the North End and is survived by a wife and four children. FOR HOME FOR FRIENDLESS. The "Chrononoteletor" entertainment last evening in Company H armory for the benefit of the Home for the Friendless was a decided success. The stage had been tastefully decorated with plants at the expense of Miss Anna Morel and presented a charming appearance. The hall was thronged with people.

The first number on the programme was an overture by Conrad's orchestra which was followed by a salutation by Rev. W. G. Watkins, pastor of the North Main Avenue Baptist church. The Green Ridge quartette favored the audience with a selection entitled "Come Away." Willie Bright recited. The remainder of the programme consisted of brilliantly illustrated tableaux.

Mrs. Bright was assisted in directing the affairs by the following: George Tranger, Fred Phillips, C. W. Bonjardin, A. R. Sumrell, William Bright, Art Norton, B. E. Fitzgerald, Richard Thomas, Jr., James Drown, Harry Beers, Ralph McDonnell, Frank McDonnell, Miss Anna Mulley and Mr. Tranger. The work was exceedingly perplexing, but the affair was splendidly conducted and Mrs. Bright and those who assisted her are deserving of much praise.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The pupils of Miss Grace Laurent's room of No. 25 school will render the following programme this afternoon in commemoration of Washington's birthday: the auditorium of the school will be utilized: Virginia Reel song; school historical sketch; Joseph Bell, Edgar Richards, James Ebsly, Oliver Powell, Edgar Sanders; song, "She is My Picnic Girl"; Emma Morgan; Washington elm, Carrie Evans; recitation, "A Bachelor of Maine"; Eloise Griffiths; a song of Washington, school recitation, "Man and His Shoes"; Marion Hill; recitation, "The Dead Kitten"; Emma White; song, "Please Buy My Last Paper"; Mamie Evans; "Grumbletown"; Alice Lewis and others; "Red, White and Blue"; school recitation, "That Dreadful Boy"; Arlington Crossman; silver lay, chorus of girls; recitation, "Prayer and Potatoes"; Harriet Lloyd; "Star Spangled Banner"; school recitation, "Too Big to Kiss"; Wilhelmina Griffin; charade, "Our Hero"; "America," school.

JOHN MANLEY'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of John Manley, who was instantly killed by a fall of rock in the Von Storch mine, Tuesday, was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, corner of West Market street and Keyser avenue. The remains were removed to the Holy Rosary church, where touching and impressive services were conducted. Burial was in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Miss Jennie Reap, of Avoca, who has been visiting relatives in this end, returned to her home yesterday. A Cavalion Reese, a blacksmith, at the store that met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. He was handling a bar of steel when a portion of it which had become partially detached entered a finger of the right hand, badly lacerating it. Work was suspended at the Dickson colliery yesterday, owing to an accident to the boilers. John Kolosky was arrested yesterday by Constable Seth Smith at the instance of Jacob Morgan. The defendant was given a hearing in afternoon. Fidler and was held in jail on the charge of threatening the life of Morgan. He was unable to furnish bail and in default was committed to the county jail.

Robert and Maggie Hughes, residing on Brick avenue, were arrested upon information furnished by Miss Cecelia Thomas, of Putnam street, and charged before Alderman Fidler last evening with the theft of twenty-five yards of heavy under hall but Mrs. Hughes was allowed to go on promising to appear when called upon.

Mrs. John A. James, of Green Ridge street, has returned from Nanticoke. Willie, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watkins, of North Main avenue, is seriously ill. William Thomas, of Jernyn, visited friends in this end yesterday. Simon Thomas, of Reese street, spent yesterday with relatives in Preston. A young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lewis, of West Market street, is quite ill. Fern—To Patrolman and Mrs. Charles Perry, of Parker street, a son, Miss Lillian Hopkins, of Taylor, Pa., is visiting friends in this end. Major W. S. Millar will conduct the annual spring inspection of Company H in the armory this evening. The public will be allowed to witness the inspection. Mrs. T. P. Reagan has as her guest Miss Manning, of Lenox, Susquehanna county.

SOME FOOLISH PEOPLE.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Coughs are induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balm, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

GREEN RIDGE.

A Loyal Temperance Legion will be organized in Green Ridge this evening at the home of Frank Edgar, 1307 Wyoming avenue. All young people are cordially invited to attend.

FLK CLUB CHAMPIONS.

Win Six Games Out of a Series of Ten at Bowling. For some time past, bowling clubs representing the Elk and Backus alleys have been playing a series of games for the championship. Ten games were to be played, five on each alley. The series ended last evening at the Elk's alley. The Elk's club has won six out of the ten and claim the championship. The score for last evening's game and the players follow:

Elks: Gibbons 179 152 171 157 176-828 Adams 148 157 164 144 145-728 Dimler 281 357 143 158-784 Welch 158 167 148 147 162-814 Wharton 383 197 369 184 174-804 Grand total 967 Backus: Shoel 184 177 129 184 148-823 Koeh 213 189 151 164 152-728 Doud 179 188 152 157 152-724 Jackson 167 134 124 124 146-655 Westfahl 126 136 141 97 191-791 Grand total 578 Wharton, of the Elks, made the highest average, 171. Gibbons, also of the Elks, was second with 161. The highest individual score was 191 by Westfahl of the Backus team.

Old Chums.

"If I die first," my old chum paused to say. "Mind not a whimper of regret instead. Laugh and be glad, as I shall, being dead. I shall lodge so very far away— But that our mirth shall mingle. So, the day The word comes, joy with me. "I'll try. Though, even speaking, signed and shook my head And turned, with misted eyes. His round Rang gaily on the stair; and then the door Opened and—closed. Yet something of the clear Hale, hope, and force of wholesome faith he had Abolished from me—strengthened more and more. Then—then they brought his broken body here; And I laughed—whisperingly—and we were glad. —James Whitcomb Riley.

GOETHE'S VISIT TO CARLSBAD.

There is no doubt that the life of the great poet was greatly prolonged by drinking the waters of the Sprudel Spring. We have the Sprudel Spring brought to us in the form of Salt, which is obtained by evaporation from the waters of Carlsbad.

The Carlsbad Sprudel Salt (powder form) dissolves tenacious bile, allays irritation and removes obstructions by aiding nature. It acts soothingly and without pain. Best results obtained when out-door exercise can be had. The genuine has the signature of "EISNER & MENDELSON Co., Agents, New York." on bottle

DUNMORE.

Mrs. George Mirtz, who has been visiting Mrs. Oswald, of Dudley street, returned to her home in Newark yesterday. Harry Bovard left yesterday for Boston, to visit his brother at the conservatory. Mrs. E. V. Wert, Mrs. Sudler Hopkins and Miss Edith Wert will leave for Philadelphia today to attend the wedding of Lettie McCullough.

Mrs. and Mrs. Patrick McDonnell, of Monroe avenue, have been called upon to mourn the death of their young child, aged two years and one month. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Mrs. George Howard, of East Drinker street, is very ill and hopes of her recovery are doubtful. Charles H. Smith is dangerously ill at his home on East Drinker street. Mrs. Lewis Sisco, of East Drinker street, is suffering from appendicitis. D. J. Smith, of Cherry street, who met with an accident on Tuesday by breaking one of his ribs, is slowly improving. This is the third time Mr. Smith has met with this same kind of accident.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. William Boyd, on Monroe avenue, yesterday afternoon. Misses Pearl Sutcliffe and Grace Burlew, of Princeton, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bingham, of North Blakely street. The Young Ladies' Mission circle of the Presbyterian church held its annual business meeting at the home of the Misses Brydon, of Dudley street, last evening.

The Dunmore Conclave of Hedytaeops will hold a public installation of officers in Odd Fellows' hall this evening. After the installation, refreshments will be served. Bradley Woodhull, of Adams avenue, is in Binghamton. In Odd Fellows' hall last evening a social was given by the Class of '97. The hall was crowded to the doors. Many of the young people were present. Kate Reardon furnished music and John Golden was prompter. The committee who had charge of the affair were: Frank Cullen, John Burke and John Ryan.

The Spencer and Murray company paid their colliery employees yesterday. Peter Murray is remodeling the rooms over his store and will occupy them when finished. A benefit ball will be held in Key-stonah hall this evening for James McDonnell, who was injured in the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal company a few months ago.

The regular weekly social to have been held in the Young American's club rooms tonight has been postponed until next Friday. The Improved Order of Red Men will hold an entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The programme will be as follows: Irish specialty, Thomas Mulrany; duet, Miss Agnes Loftus and Maggie McNulty; song and dance, Mr. Kearney; solo, William Jones; song and dance, Mr. Cauley; solo, B. Morgan; piano solo, Miss Mulrany; Irish specialty, Kearney and Cauley; selection, Klondike quartette; overture, Miss Mulrany; address, J. T. Howe; recitation, Edna Kellam; solo, William Wilson; violin solo, May Murphy; solo, Sadie Dougherty; recitation, Irene Burns; solo, Miss Mary Hall; piano solo, Edith Miller; recitation, Garfield Angwin; solo, Miss N. Houghton.

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RAILROADS ON EARTH. A Railway Sharp Gives a Few Comparative Statistics on Rails, &c. From the Sun. "Speaking of railroads," remarked a man who seemed to know what he was talking about, "I have rapidly becoming the thing not to say 'railroads' but 'railways,' as the custom is abroad, and a good one it is, it is a better word and a pleasanter one to the tongue. But that isn't what I was asked to talk about. I think it was railways on earth, wasn't it? Yes, Well, the total mileage is 433,953 miles divided up as follows: Australia, 145,284 miles; Africa, 8,169 miles; Asia, 13,188 miles; North America, 206,696 miles; South America, 24,026 miles; Asia, 26,890 miles. Of course, North America leads with nearly half of all the railways on earth, and the United States leads. North America with 181,717 miles; and it only falls short about 8,000 miles of having more than all Europe, Asia and Africa combined, which is not so bad for a young and growing country that didn't have a mile of track seventy years ago. "The ratio of railway to area is greatest in Africa, which has only 8,169 miles to 11,514,000 square miles of territory or about one mile of track to 1,400 square miles of territory. Asia, with 14,710,000 miles area, has 26,890 miles of track, or one mile to 544 of area; Europe has a mile of track to 23 of area; and South America a mile of track to 284 of territory. Australia has 145,284 miles of area to one mile of track and North America has a mile of track to 22 miles of territory. The United States beats them all with one mile of track to every 16 miles of territory. "In the ratio of road to population the United States gives a mile of track to every 400 persons; Europe makes a ratio of one mile to 245 persons; Africa can give only one mile of track to every 15,522 persons and Asia is by far and beyond the greatest railway field on earth, with only a mile of track to every 31,610 persons. The place for the railway boomers to go and grow up with the country is Asia. "To sum up, there is a total area in the world of 51,238,000 square miles occupied by about 1,500,000,000 people, which would give one mile of railway to every 119 miles of territory and the same to every 3,421 persons, which may be taken as an indication of the demand for new railways will continue for some time yet."

CITY'S JANUARY FINANCES.

Treasurer Boland's Report Shows \$27,000 Expended. City Treasurer Boland's report for January, prepared for presentation, to select council next night, as follows: Balance cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$109,445 61 From delinquent tax collectors, 2,161 21 From City Solicitor McGinley, 832 From Street Commissioner Dunlop, 19 59 297 city taxes, 1897 .. 17 55 297 Penalty city taxes, 1897 .. 67 55 912 52 City licenses .. 89 09 Building permits .. 52 50 Interest on sinking fund .. 47 94 To Jan. 1, 1898 .. 1,514 27 Sewer assessments .. 33 94 Grade assessments .. 33 94 Paving assessments .. 3,966 01 6,103 56 Total receipts .. \$28,527 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Commissions, delinquent tax collectors .. \$ 216 09 General city warrants paid .. 18,119 41 Interest, city improvement loan, 1888 .. 1,650 90 Interest city funding loan, 1888 .. 600 00 Interest, municipal improvement loan, 1891 .. 45 00 Interest, street improvement bonds and notes, redeemed and cancelled .. 3,038 25 Sewer warrants paid .. 3,913 29 Grade warrants .. 35 29 Sidewalk bonds and interest .. 55 29 27,111 10 Balance .. 816,410 42

QUEER THINGS ABOUT THEM AND THEIR NARROW ESCAPES.

The mention of a sleep-walker standing upon the street railway track the other night and barely escaping being run down has brought to the minds of many people incidents in this line that have come under their observation. By the way, the name of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, officiated. At the conclusion of the services the remains were borne to Forest Hill cemetery and laid to rest.

Mrs. John Ward and son, of Prospect avenue, are the guests of friends at Wilkes-Barre. A special feature of last night's monthly meeting of the Young People's society of the Hickory Street Presbyterian church was an address by Dr. Stewart Ross, of Cedar avenue. He delivered an interesting discourse on "The Relation of Common Sense to the Sciences, Particularly Medical."

OBITUARY.

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HAPPENINGS OF SOUTH SCRANTON

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INJUNCTION HAS BEEN ASKED FOR

Members of Electric City Tourist Club Will Conduct an Entertainment and Social in St. John's Hall Tonight—Funeral of Henrietta J., Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pashl, from the Family Residence on Elm Street.

The six besieged Weyandt children, who demand the return of their late possession of their home on Elm street last Saturday by Constables Mink and Miller, are still in possession. There does not seem to be any likelihood of there being any change soon.

The children are well supplied with every necessity for a long stay and are apparently as alert as the first day of the approach of the minions of the law. Several aggressive moves were made during the past few days by the constables and but with little result except to cause the children inside to be more watchful.

The father, William Weyandt, has applied for an injunction to stop the proceeds of the persons who are trying to take forcible possession of the apartment. It is expected that an injunction for an injunction will be passed upon by court Saturday morning. It will be remembered that the trouble was caused by the selling of the Weyandt property by Frederick Weyandt, a brother of William. The children stand in the way of the new owner's getting possession.

NUBS OF NEWS.

The members of the Electric City Tourist club are anticipating an evening of unalloyed pleasure this evening upon the occasion of their first annual entertainment, to be held at St. John's hall, which has been selected for the holding of the affair, will be artistically decorated. The programme for the entertainment is as follows: Piano solo, Miss Kate Reardon; vocal solo, Miss Kate Reardon; vocal solo, Miss Rose Arnold; vocal solo, Michael Reap; song and dance, Kelly and Phillips; song and dance, Eiden and Steinbach; vocal solo, Miss Agnes Coyne; vocal solo, John Burke; recitation, Anthony Brock; vocal solo, Miss May McElroy; vocal solo, Dave McDonald; recitation, Thomas Langan; vocal solo, Miss Marie Cooke; vocal solo, Patrick Moore; vocal solo, Mr. Lynett.

The funeral of Henrietta J., the seven daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pashl, of Elm street, was held yesterday afternoon from the parental residence. The services were attended by a large number of the friends of the bereft parents and the floral offerings were very numerous. Rev. F. C. Ruedel, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, officiated. At the conclusion of the services the remains were borne to Forest Hill cemetery and laid to rest.

Mrs. John Ward and son, of Prospect avenue, are the guests of friends at Wilkes-Barre. A special feature of last night's monthly meeting of the Young People's society of the Hickory Street Presbyterian church was an address by Dr. Stewart Ross, of Cedar avenue. He delivered an interesting discourse on "The Relation of Common Sense to the Sciences, Particularly Medical."

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